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1. CONGRESSMAN ALBERT QUIE OF MINNESOTA ARRIVED REYKJAVIK FEBRUARY 16 AND WAS MET BY CHARGE MARTIN AND MFA SEC GEN PETUR THORSTEINSSON. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO APPEAR AS GUEST SPEAKER AT LUNCH ARRANGED BY ORGANIZATION ENTITLED CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS. LUNCH WAS ATTENDED BY PRIME MINISTER GEIR HALLGRIMSSON, FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON, MIN JUSTICE AND COMMERCE OLAFUR JOHANNESSEN, MIN FINANCE MATTHIAS MATHIESEN, SDP PARTY LEADER GYLFI GISLASON, SDP PARLIAMENTARY LEADER BENEDIKT GRONDAL, OLL PARTY LEADER MAGNUS TORFI OLAFSSON, SPEAKER OF ALTHING LOWER HOUSE RAGNHILDUR HELGADOTTIR, CHAIRMAN OF ALTHING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THORARINN THORARINSSON, MP EYOLFUR KONRAD JONSSON, EDITOR OF MORGUNBLADID MATTHIAS JOHANNESSEN, BISHOP OF ICELAND RT. REV. SIGURBJORN EINARSSON, MFA SEC GEN THORSTEINSSON AND CHARGE. OTHER GUESTS WERE MEMBERS OF SCANDINAVIAN PARLIAMENTS IN REYKJAVIK FOR NORDIC COUNSEL MEETING INCLUDING LARS KORVALD, FORMER NORWEGIAN PRIME MIN, WHO MADE SPEECH THANKING CONG. QUIE FOR HIS APPEARANCE.

2. ALTHOUGH MR. QUIE WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON SAME EVENING, HE WAS DELAYED ONE DAY BY WEATHER. HIS REMAINING TIME WAS TAKEN UP WITH MEETINGS WITH HIS SCANDINAVIAN COLLEAGUES, A LUNCH FEBRUARY 17 HOSTED BY BISHOP EINARSSON, AND VISITS TO MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES.

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3. MR. QUIE TOLD LUNCHEON GUESTS HE PLANS TO VISIT NORWAY IN
JUNE FOR 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF NORWEGIAN IMMIGRATION
TO US AND HE WILL HOPE TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN ICELAND EN ROUTE.
MARTIN

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